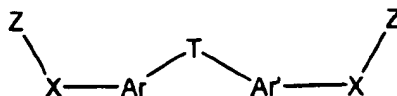


In the claims

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by 1:



wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence R, acyl, trialkylsilyl, alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or S(O)₂OH;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent tether comprises an amide, ether, substituted amine or ester moiety;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₈₀ represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents independently for each occurrence a bond or O.
3. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O.
4. (canceled)
5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or S(O)₂OH.

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6. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
7. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
8. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; and Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$.
9. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; and Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$.
10. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
11. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
12. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
13. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or $\text{S(O)}_2\text{OH}$; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
14. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents $-\text{C(O)NR-Q-NRC(O)}-$; Q is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ or heterocyclyl; and n is an integer selected from the range 2 to 10 inclusive.
15. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents $-(\text{CH}_2)-\text{NR-Q-O}-$; and Q represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl.

16. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-O-C(O)-$ or $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-O-C(O)-(CH=CH)-$; and Q represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl.

17. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-$; and Q is a bond, alkyl, or heterocyclyl.

18. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents $-CH_2CH(C(O)NHMe)-NRC(O)-Q-C(O)NR-G-$; Q is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, alkyl-O-alkyl, or alkyl-S-alkyl; and G is a bond, alkyl, or heterocyclyl.

19. (previously presented) A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 20-40. (canceled)